

## *TRUE SPIRITUAL CHANGE*

**Romans 6:19**

*19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.*

*1 Thes 4:3, 7 - 3 For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality... 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in **sanctification**.*

*hagiasmos = 'sanctification'*

*hagios = 'holy' ... 'saint'*

*hagiazō = 'sanctify'*

*hagiasune = 'holiness'*

*kadosh = 'holy'*

## *TRUE SPIRITUAL CHANGE*

**Romans 6:19**

*19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.*

## Three stages of SANCTIFICATION...

**STAGE ONE** – *sanctification* begins at *regeneration*.

*1 Cor 1:2 - To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...*

*1 Cor 6:11 - ...you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*

## Three stages of SANCTIFICATION...

**STAGE TWO** – *sanctification* progresses throughout life.

*2 Cor 3:18 - But we...are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

*Col 3:10 - ...(we) have put on the new self who is being renewed ...*

*Heb 12:14 - Pursue... sanctification...*

## Three stages of SANCTIFICATION...

**STAGE THREE** – *sanctification* will ultimately be completed.

‘entire sanctification’ = GLORIFICATION

*Matt 5:48 - you must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

*2 Cor 7:1 - ...let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

*1 Thes 5:23 - Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely...*

*Ecc 7:20 - ...there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.*

*1 John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

# 1. GOD'S ROLE

## GOD THE FATHER

*Phil 2:13 - ...God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

*Heb 12:5-11 - ...He disciplines us as His children.*

# 1. GOD'S ROLE

GOD THE FATHER

GOD THE SON

*1 Cor 1:30 - But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,*

*1 Pet 2:21 - Christ...suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...*

# 1. GOD'S ROLE

GOD THE FATHER

GOD THE SON

GOD THE SPIRIT

*1 Pet 1:2 - ...the sanctifying work of the Spirit...*

*2 Thes 2:13 - ...God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*

*John 15:26 – (when He comes) He will testify about Me.*

## 2. OUR ROLE

- *PASSIVELY* – trust God; pray to and depend on God.
- *ACTIVELY* – strive to obey God and take steps that will increase our sanctification.

*Rom 8:13 - ... YOU put to death the deeds of the flesh...*

*Phil 2:12 - ...work out your salvation with fear and trembling...*

*striving – Heb 12:14*

*abstaining from immorality – 1 Thes 4:3*

*fleeing immorality – 1 Cor 6:18*

*cleansing yourselves from defilement – 2 Cor 7:1*

*applying all diligence – 2 Pet 1:5*

*Heb 10:24-25 – 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

*1 Thes 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build up one another...*

- It affects our *INTELLECT*

*Rom 12:2 - ...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

*Phil 1:9 - I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,*

- It affects our *AFFECTIONS AND EMOTIONS*

*Gal 5:22 - an increase in love, joy, peace, patience...*

*Eph 4:31 - we will put off negative emotions like bitterness and wrath and anger...*

- It affects our *WILL*

*Phil 2:13 - ...God is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

- It affects use of our *BODIES*

*1 Cor 6:20 - glorify God in your body.*

## *JUSTIFICATION*

- is a legal standing
- happens once for all time
- is entirely God's work
- is perfect in this life
- the same in all Christians

## *SANCTIFICATION*

- is an internal condition
- continuous throughout life
- we cooperate
- not perfect in this life
- greater in some Christians

**Two requirements related to OUR role in sanctification:**

**I. WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT**

*19...For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness...*

*Rom 6:13 - ...do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*

**Two requirements related to OUR role in sanctification:**

- I. WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT**
- II. PERSEVERING DILIGENCE**

*19...For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.*

Two final perspectives:

## **#1 The Breadth of Application of this Goal**

*2 Cor 5:9 - Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.*

Two final perspectives:

**#1 The Breadth of Application of this Goal**

**#2 The Means for Accomplishment of this Goal**